



Give the Farm Due Credit. The farmer seldom keeps a square account. House rent and luxuries he seldom itemizes on the credit side of the ledger.

Constant Supply of Salt. The precise benefit of salt for dairy cattle is hardly known, but experience shows that it is worth while to feed it quite freely in such quantities as the cows will take.

Handy Treatment for Wounds. For a barbed wire cut or other similar open wound one of the best applications is the medicinal preparation known as antiseptic ointment.

Keeping Sweet Potatoes. You have published one man's way of keeping sweet potatoes. I will tell you mine. We dig in October and the same day we take them out of the ground we put them in the garret floor.

City Conveniences for the Farmer. Farmers are coming more and more to require for their country homes the conveniences to be found in the cities.

Paralysis in Horses. This disease, which comes on suddenly, is due to an acid in the blood. It sometimes affects the front parts as well as the hind parts.

Science Aids Dairying. How science aids dairying was shown by Director J. L. Hills, of the Vermont station, in a meeting of the Pennsylvania Dairy Union.

Concerning the milking machine he considers it a labor saver, easily cleaned, a closer milker, better than the average milker.

Roosting Coops. Some of our grandfathers (and grandmothers, too) furnished no accommodations for the chickens after they were too big to crowd in the brood coop.

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Under such conditions the chick that came into the world with a strong constitution, inherited from its parents, could eat any kind of food, digest it, and turn the greatest possible per cent. of it into bone, flesh and sinew.

THE PULPIT.

A SCHOLARLY SUNDAY SERMON BY CARDINAL GIBBONS.

Subject: The Prerogatives and Responsibilities of Moral Freedom.

Baltimore, Md.—Sunday morning Cardinal Gibbons preached his regular monthly sermon to a large congregation in the cathedral. His subject was "The Prerogatives and Responsibilities of Moral Freedom."

It is not he alone who is entirely engaged by the desire for earthly riches and shuts his eyes to the pearl of great price? Is not he blind who is wallowing in the mire of sin, who is leading a life of sensuality which leads to melancholy and despair?

It is the exercise of the will that distinguishes the saint from the sinner, the martyr from the coward, the hero from the drunkard, the temperate man from the drunkard, the benevolent ruler from the capricious tyrant.

Our Saviour told the Jews that the knowledge and practice of His precepts would secure for them true freedom. The Jews were indignant that their freedom should be called in question.

Jesus Christ is the highest ideal of Christian perfection. He is "the way and the truth and the life," and He teaches us by word and by example.

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The Sunday-School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JANUARY 3.

Subject: The Ascension of Our Lord. Acts 1:1-14—Golden Text, Luke 24:51—Commit Verses 3, 9—Exposition of the Lesson.

TIME—Thursday, May 18, A. D. 30. PLACE—Jerusalem and Olivet. EXPOSITION.—I. The Risen Christ, 1-5.

Now Christ says to each of you what He said to the blind man: What is it? What will you that I do for thee? How sublime is the faculty of free will! It is a gift which distinguishes you from the brute creation.

Moreover, it finds a response in man's heart. "Never say die," is a motto which the Christian should carry with him. The Old World felt its truth; to the New it was given to understand it.

The hope that Paul speaks of is not a mere hope. It is a hope that is based on the resurrection of Christ. It is a hope that is based on the resurrection of Christ.

The Divine Aid. Blest on the mountain top, with an army in wait for him, Jesus stood in a perilous position.

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Europe and Our Grapes. Vice Consul L. H. Munier, of Geneva, sends a clipping from a Swiss newspaper from which it is noted that more modern methods of grape culture are being adopted in Switzerland.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

JANUARY THIRD.

The duty of Making Good Resolutions. Acts 11: 19-23; Josh. 24: 14-25. (Consecration Meeting.)

Christ's resolve, Heb. 10: 5-7. For a cleaving two surfaces are required—God's purpose, our purpose (Acts 11: 23).

Putting a purpose into words, especially written words, clarifies it and confirms it. Will is the controller of life, and whatever strengthens it for the right is best worth while.

A good inclination is but the first rude draught of virtue, but the finishing strokes are from the will. The secret of success is constancy to purpose.—Disraeli.

The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder—a wall, a nothing, a no man.—Caryl.

Getting Ready for a Day's Work—Mark 1: 35; Acts 10: 9. Morning Watch Covenant.

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OUR TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

REPORTS OF PROGRESS OF THE BATTLE AGAINST HUM.

A Splendid Talk on Abstinence From Strong Drink by Senator Clay, of Georgia—Fullest Report in All Christendom is a Beer Saloon.

One of the brightest and best features of temperance journalism in the United States is the series of interviews with prominent public men now being published in the Defender.

"Ob, there's only one safe rule and that's total abstinence," said the Senator with great emphasis.

"But, Mr. Senator," interrupted the interviewer, "Why do you moderate drinking? Can't you take a glass of beer, say, occasionally? Surely a drink that has so much food value as beer, taken by a man—not a grown-up baby—one who knows when he's had enough is bound to be beneficial."

"I firmly believe that I never allowed myself to touch a drop, no, not as a medicine, and all that rot about beer being harmless, having food value, and that (and, by the way, we're talking about beer as a food, not the dainties of a restaurant, and a man who was made a little lower than the angels, becomes much lower than a hog when drunk with beer. A beer drunk is indigestible."

Liquor and Railroads. A strong light may be thrown on the more than thousand railroad collisions and almost as many train derailments, reported by the Interstate Commerce Commission, for the closing three months of last year.

Hungary's Campaign Against Drink. Count Andrássy, the Minister of the Interior, is now devoting his serious attention to the drinking problem which has recently confronted Hungary.

Minnesota has 123 "dry" towns and is increasing the list. I am opposed to drink because it oppresses me. The work I try to do is under—Bishop C. D. Fox.

At the last session of the Alabama Legislature the Anti-Saloon League caused the passage of a prohibitory act for the entire State.

At the recent election in Delaware the League got, in some powerful work when a pair of State declared against liquor selling.

EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

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